

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Allen Behl at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Allen Behl, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Naomi Kriewald, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Larry Bischoff

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Kathy Turner with NRCS, County Administrator James Mielke and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by William Foley to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Kathy Turner
They still remain in phase 1 with no public access. Handling everything via text, email or by phone. NRCS fiscal year ends September 30, 2020. CRP sign up was a huge success, lots of applications. A new soil conservationist has been hired. Kathy will be taking a new position in Appleton at the end of September.
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) No representative in attendance.

Land and Water Conservation Dept. Staff Introductions – The LWCD staff introduced themselves and explained to the committee their position with the dept. and what they do.

Well Testing Contract Update

- The contract has been signed. Letters will be going out soon to potential participants. Water samples are planned to be taken in November.

HSHW August Field Day Event

- Event was held August 11, 2020 at the Hildebrandt Farm field. Around 150 in attendance. Cover crop planting and equipment demos took place.

Farmland Preservation Updates and Notices of Non-Compliance

- LWCD has received one request to be removed from the program. Motion by Dale Macheel and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the request. Motion carried.
- 114 people have not yet turned in all the paper work that is needed to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program. Letters will be going out requesting the information that is needed.

Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices Update

- John reviewed the cost share report with the LWCC.

Land and Water Plan Revision

- The current plan is scheduled to expire December 2022 not December 2021. John has contacted those that had agreed to be a part of the advisory committee to inform them.
- Brief discussion regarding what will be in the new plan.

SWRM 2021 Grant Update

- SWRM is a staff cost sharing grant.
- Requested the grant at the end of July and have received \$145,929.

TRM Grant Application Ranking

- LWCD grant application did not rank well. 5.9 million dollars is available and requests received were for 9.2 million.
- Large and small scale request. Large scale grant had 11 applications and Dodge County ranked in the last two. Small scale had 16 applications and Dodge County ranked 14. John will be contacting the DNR to see if he can see the scoring sheets. He will reapply next spring.

MDV Funds 2020

- \$38,811 projected from five municipalities for 2020. Received \$32,198 from three of the municipalities. Will be using in Wildcat Creek Watershed Project. 2021 projections are \$54,953. Will find out in the spring.

Other

- Town of Westford has been approved for Ag Enterprise area for Farmland Preservation.

Committee Member Reports

Lake Sinissippi District – Naomi Kriewald

- Annual meeting was held August 15, 2020. Sheriff Dale Schmidt introduced the Lake Patrol Officer. Anthony Island project was finished. New officers and 2 new commissioners were elected. Subcommittee will be created to work on the 2002 strategic plan. Want to do some fish stocking. Water quality testing each month during the boating season.

Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley

- They have completed the legal boundary description.

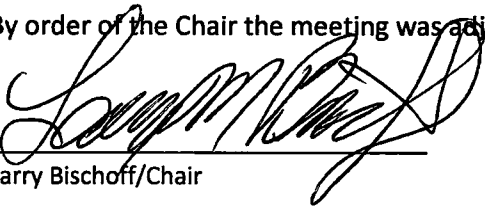
Fox Lake – Dale Macheel

- Annual meeting was held August 1, 2020. Continuing to go back and forth on valve installation with prison farm.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by William Foley to approve Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held September 28, 2020.

By order of the Chair the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary